Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

Yes.

Revenues of the Forest and Tramway Departments.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*)

53. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing (i) the net earnings from the Forest Department during the last decade, and ii) the net loss caused by the working of the Tramway Department during the last decade?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

A statement giving the information called for is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix 3.*)

Tramway.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

54. Will the Government be pleased to state whether, in spite of the heavy losses suffered by the Government on account of the Tramway Department, the Government intends :—

i. To undertake a regular scheme of overhaul of the Tramway trucks, vehicles, engines, etc; and

ii. To invest further amounts in the enterprise?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

The answers to parts (i) and (ii) are in the affirmative.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Do the Government intend to spend money in the face of the answer that the paucity of demand for timber has continued from 1093 to 1099?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

My reply, during the course of the general discussion on the budget, will give him the necessary answer.

Contracts in the Abkari Department.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

55. Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has noted that in some departments in the State, especially the Abkari Department, large contracts were being entrusted to foreigners, very often

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